

THE BEACON

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Mr. Santa Claus
Invisible Air Service
North Pole

Dear Santa:

As I have been chosen to act as the secretary for all the students in L. H. S., I want to take this opportunity of submitting the following order: (The wants, Dear Santa, are many and varied so if, by chance, you don't have the exact article or articles described herein, please substitute any which you think will please the purchaser.)

First on my list I find a plea from the entire student body namely, just one more staff dance. After all we've been so awfully good this year, haven't we. P. S. A. M. Phillips signed this petition in great big letters, can you guess why? Hum-m-m.

For Julia Beall one thing is lacking in her basket of happiness—Bill. Won't you send her a long letter from out Texas way?

Yes sir, Santa, it's a funny thing but we have a Freshman in our school who is so bold as to make a request of you. He's Jack Ellison, I'm sure you will remember him, and he wants enough apples to bring Mrs. Swittenberg one as he enters into the holy sanctum of her room for his daily grind in algebra. Remember him if 'tis at all possible!

I don't think Sadie Mae Shipp wants anything especially. Still just in case she does, then send Jimmy up to see her (after Chicken is gone, of course.)

Old John Rhyme has let the cat out of the bag. From all we hear, he'd like another trip to State for his Christmas present. He still talks about all the pretty girls up there too!

Oh, yes! You must not forget Louis Beall. As he won't tell me just what he wants, you'll have to fill the order as you see fit.

And, Santa Claus, have you ever seen such close mouthed teachers (no offense meant) in all your life? They won't tell me a thing, still they aren't fooling us are they? Teachers can't be so inhuman as not to have wants, so please see that each member of our faculty gets exactly what he expects. A. J. Davis is kinda stubborn, Santa. He won't tell his secret, yet we know he has one. Just what it is yet uncertain but it's bound to concern Johnnie Rodgers.

Lack of time and space makes it impossible for me to continue this letter. Kind sir, but will you not remember all I've said?

With sincere good wishes for a safe trip over your annual Christmas route, I am,

Your friend,
SARAH EUNICE.

Dear Santa Claus,

The Freshmen and Sophomores have been really busy these last few days so I'm helping them out by writing to you for them.

Rhea Johnson says he has been a good boy and all he wants is Bobby May all tied up with a bright red ribbon. Bobbie May also wants Rhea, so Santa you ought to see what you can do about this. Edwin Ellison wants a bright, new reducing machine but hopes he will not have to use it long. Hilda Faye Logan wants a new boy friend and she prefers a brunet. Marvin Meeks says he will be perfectly well satisfied if you will fill his stocking with Eileen Netherland. Jean Strider wants Robert Allen for her present and I think he feels the same way about her. Jimmy Phelps would like to have a new set of dice for his make believe gambling house. Bernice Cox would like to have a key to "How English Can Be Worked Correctly." Martha Truitt wants a brand new car so she can ride up to school in style and make a good impression on J. B. Robertson. Sue Beth Rathell wants only one thing for Christmas—that's for you to tell Uncle Sam to tell John he can stay at home. Janice Shipp would like to have a sound proof screen to put around her when she sees Johnnie Meek coming so she won't be bothered with him anymore. Billy Rutledge wants a car so he and Ruth won't have to walk any more. Thelma Grantham wants a new blue dress so she can catch the eye of Eugene Weems. Johnnie Rodgers wants you to put A. J. in her stocking and Fay Lewis, Laurie, Marie and Annie Katherine Brock want a new car so they won't have to ride to school in the bus every morning. Eva Blake would like for you to arrange for Benford Lehman to come by and take her to school every morning. Malissa wants Paul and Doris wants Billy Smith from Tenn. Phyllis wants a trip to Memphis but outside of this everybody is pretty well satisfied so hurry to see us.

Lovingly yours,
POLLY

A VALUABLE ASSET

A fundamental knowledge of courtesy and politeness is a vital asset to acquire and maintain in life. When in contact with people, whether it is in business or social life, it always proves to be a valuable asset. It not only enables one to get a job but provides him with a responsibility and a personality likeable by everyone which makes it a cinch that he'll keep the job. To be polite and courteous always leaves one with the impression that you are highly educated and are a nice fellow. Otherwise one is left with the impression that you are a nice fellow. Otherwise one is left with the impression that you are merely a "hoob." Without these two valuable assets one often lets the key to success merely slip from his grasp, leaving him a failure in life. If you have not formed the habit of being polite and courteous; practice it each day until it becomes habitual. I am sure that you will find not only a high education, but its two fundamental principles, politeness and courtesy, are the key to success.

—A. M. PHILLIPS

SEASONAL MEDITATIONS

As we approach the season that should mean "Peace on earth and good will toward men," our hearts are saddened at the echoing sounds of war, and the tramp, tramp, of marching legions. Amid the sounds of screeching air raid sirens, the deafening roar of howling planes, and amid scenes of death and destruction, it is difficult

even at Christmas time to hear the angels' song "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth, Peace, Good Will Toward Men." And yet the only hope of peace in the world is for men and nations to translate into life the message of the Christmas Season. Humanity is longing for the assurance of an abiding peace. For two or three decades statesmen have been trying to found a permanent peace through the treaties, peace pacts, and international courts. And yet the assurance of world peace is farther away than ever before. Perhaps we shall some day learn that men of themselves alone cannot establish peace. A lasting peace will come only when men's hearts are surrendered to the Prince of Peace, who was born nearly two thousand years ago. Through Him also will it come to the nations of the world.

REMEMBERING LINCOLN'S ADDRESS AT GETTYSBURG

"Four score and seven years ago our fore-fathers brought forth upon this continent, a new nation." This was the way President Abraham Lincoln opened his famous now as it was then because in it we find the story of the building of our beautiful nation. Today we are faced with the fact that some ruthless governments are trying to tear down our national freedom. This, as they well know, cannot be done. Our fore-fathers built a strong, democratic nation with people's hearts united into one. We find now, in this national crisis, the hearts of the people are still united.

President Roosevelt, in his speech to the people of the United States a week ago, reminded us that our nation is not to be run over by a foreign dictator or anyone else. So let's remember to help in any way we can to Defend America.

WANT ADS

Wanted—A Big Christmas—Miss Whitehead.
Wanted—Roy to come home Christmas—Hilda Faye Logan.
Wanted—My grandmother to come Christmas—Bobby M. Lipsey.
Wanted—To go see Billy Smith during the holidays—Doris Thompson.
Wanted—Santa Claus to bring me a record player—Inez Flink.
Found—Bobby May's heart—Rhea Johnson.
Wanted—To go to Memphis Christmas—Phyllis Flowers.
Wanted—Santa Claus to hurry and come to see me—Marquette Braddock.
Wanted—To pass in Civics—William Fisher.
Wanted—Santa Claus to bring me a 100 in Algebra—Jean Strider.
Lost—One football letter—Paul McDaniel.
Wanted—Santa Claus—Malissa King.
Lost—One boy friend—Virginia Presley.
Lost—A quarter—Ruth White.

THE MINUS QUANTITY

Ruth White plus Billy Rutledge equals—Love with a capital L.
Sue Beth Rathell plus John Kier equals—Smooth Sailing.
Malissa King plus Paul McDaniel equals—An occasional fuss.
Eileen Netherland plus Marvin Meeks equals—An occasional glance at each other.
Esther Burwell plus Allison King is—Two-timing on someone's side.
Barbara Steele plus Benford Lehman equals—A get together at dinner.
Faye Lewis Brown plus Bo Leach equals—Two in love.
Johnny Rodgers plus A. J. Davis equals—A swell time in the library.
Betty Maud Lundy plus Jack White equals—A letter very often.
Sarah Legate plus J. W. Harman equals—A regular ride on Sunday afternoon.
Emily Ann Mott plus Joe equals—A longing to see him again.
Hilda Faye Logan and Bobby May Lipsey plus Rhea Johnson equals—A love triangle.
Bobby May Lipsey plus Rhea Johnson equals—Ain't love grand.

JONES
Boss: "Take this letter to the office of Smith and Jones. On the way will you please pass the football ground."
Boy: "Yes, sir."
Boss: "Well, pass it."

On a card in the front window of an Indianapolis suburban home appeared the following notice:

"A piano for sale."
In the window next door another card appeared with just one word:

"Hurrah!"

A. M.: "My brother thinks a football coach has four wheels."
Paul: "Well, how many does the thing have?"

Coach: "Suppose it was fourth down, on their fifteen-yard line with the score tied and three minutes to go. What would you do?"
Doyle: "I'd slide down farther on the bench so as to see the next play better."

Rastus: "You ain't yo'self no more. Sick or sompin'."
Mose: "Ah's got insomnia. Ah keeps wakin' up every few days."

If you become too discouraged just start all over again.

Half Soled
First Class: "Why did the sailor with a wooden leg go into the retail business?"
T. F.: "I don't know, why?"
First Class: "Because he isn't a whole sailor!"

Divorcees are not caused so much by in-laws as out-laws.

One of the best but hardest things to remember is to forget your troubles.

The Empire of Japan has an area of about 190,000 square miles, or about the same as the combined areas of Colorado and Idaho.

There may be differences of opinion but when all is said and done, you probably wouldn't trade your home town for any place in the world.

CRUGER

Thursday afternoon, December 11, when a program emphasizing the value of spiritual education was given as follows:

Carol "Silent Night Holy Night"—Assembly.

Scripture, Luke 2:1-20—Mrs. J. T. Parker.

Prayer for peace on earth and good will among men, Reverend S. W. McAlilly.

Carol—"O Little Town of Bethlehem"—Assembly.

National P. T. A. President's Message "A Creed for Christmas"—Miss Hattie Rose Liddell.

"The Hope of the World"—Reader, Miss Fannie Liddell; Soloist, Miss Julia Russum.

Talk—"The Value of Spiritual Training"—Reverend S. W. McAlilly.

Carol—"Joy to the World"—Assembly.

Prayer—Superintendent E. U. Bigham.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. M. W. Estes, a short business session was presided over by the vice president, Mrs. E. N. Bigham.

SCHOOL NEWS
(By Frances Estes)

Primary Pupils Present Chapel Program

The weekly chapel program on Friday morning was presented by the primary pupils, their teacher, Miss Fannie Liddell, and Miss Julia Russum. The following arrangement was used: Song—"Rhythm Band" Rhythm Band is composed of all Primary pupils. Piano Solo—"Waltz on the Green"—Ethel Gertz.

Story—"The Night Before Christmas"

Miss Julia Russum.

Poem—"Christmas Everywhere", Philip Brooks—Miss Liddell.

Quiet Music—"Silent Night"—Miss Russum.

Scriptures from the Bible, Miss Liddell.

Prayer—Superintendent E. U. Bigham.

Girl Reserves Hear Conference Reports

On Wednesday afternoon the Girl Reserves held their weekly meeting. After a brief business session, the members listened to reports made by Frances Estes and Nelle Bridges, who were the clubs' delegates to the annual conference of Girl Reserve Clubs of the Third District, which was held in Houston on the week end of December 6-7.

Science Club Has Discussion

When the Science club met on Monday afternoon during the first period, the following discussions were given: "Lungs"—John T. Parker, Jr.

"Muscles"—Lorene Killebrew.

"Heart"—Jane Reece.

"Skeleton"—Frances Estes.

"Circulatory Respiration"—John Edwin Turner, Jr.

"Digestion"—Nell Bridges.

Defense Stamps On Sale At School

Superintendent E. N. Bigham announces that Defense Stamps are now on sale at his office. All students are urged to invest their money in them for patriotic and thrift purposes.

Cruger vs Lexington

The Cruger High School basketball team played the teams of Lexington High in the Lexington gymnasium on Friday night. The Cruger boys won with a score of 23 to 16, and the Lexington girls were victorious, the score being 35 to 21 in their favor.

Boys

Cruger Lexington
Griffin 8 F Fisher 4
Fleming 4 F Chastain 2
Hines 7 C McDaniel 4
Bridgers 8 (Initial) G Moore
Watkins 4 G Herring 6

Girls

Cruger Lexington
Bonner, B. 7 Baucum
Bonner, F. 7 Byrd
Bridgers 7 F McEllan
Holly G King
Simon G Shipp, J.
Killebrew G Shipp, S.

Substitutes: Cruger, Estes, Arterbury, Lexington, Rogers, Johnson, Presley, and Brown.

Christmas Holidays To Begin Friday

According to announcement of Superintendent E. N. Bigham, school will be dismissed Friday, December 19, for the Christmas holidays which will last until Monday, January 5. The grade mothers and teachers will entertain with Christmas parties in the home rooms before time for dismissal on Friday.

MISS O'REILLY ENTERTAINS BRIDGE CLUB

One of the most delightful parties of the season enjoyed by members of the bridge club was that given by Miss Ruth O'Reilly when the semi-monthly meeting of the club was held.

The high score award for club members was received by Mrs. S. J. Bridges, and Mrs. E. R. Buchanan was presented the high score prize for guests. Each player was the recipient of a token of friendship from the hostess.

An attractive salad course was enjoyed by the guests at the close of the series of games.

PERSONAL MENTION

On Thursday of last week Dr. and Mrs. I. C. Farmer attended the Whittle-Perkins wedding at the Methodist church in Senatobia. They returned home by way of Memphis where they stopped for a short business visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones and their children, Mary and "Buddy" left on Sunday for Camp Lee in Virginia, where Mr. Jones was called to take a civil service position as instructor in mechanics.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lavender of Tutwiler and Mrs. Lizzie White were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. White and family in Lexington.

Barnes Archer, Jr., who attended Culver Military Academy in Culver, Indiana, has arrived to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Archer.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bevers of Cleveland were entertained as week-end guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Waterer, and their family on Shotwell plantation.

Among college students and others returning for the Christmas holidays will be the following: Barbara Hines,

Stylized Coveralls



Sleeveless cotton coveralls with front button closing are among the scores of attractive defense garments for women defense workers suggested by the National Cotton Council and Cotton-Textile Institute. The coveralls, designed by the American School of Design, are made of sanforized seersucker.

Ina Parker, and "Doodle Edwards" of S. C. W.; Milton Gertz, Carl Yates Parker, Junior Griffin, Shelby Parker, and Josie Dell Arterbury of State College; S. F. Buchanan, Jr., of Baylor School in Chattanooga; Frances Vandergurg, Ida Pearl Baker, Marvin and Julian Watkins, Charline Christensen, M. C. Cheatham, and Hoyal Adcock of Holmes Junior college; Kathleen Pike of Draughton's Business School in Greenwood; and Billy Harris of Sunflower Junior College.

Miss Mabel Pike had as her Sunday visitors, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rosamond of Sunflower and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lewis and their son, Billy, of Greenwood.

After spending several months in Florida with their husband and daddy, Sergeant Joyce Cox, Jr., Mrs. Cox and her two young sons are now with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joyce Cox, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Gertz and family drove over to Moorhead for Sunday visits in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Shiffers and Mr. and Mrs. M. Carch.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Spivey and Messrs. R. B. O'Reilly and H. A. Spivey, were recent date visitors in Memphis.

Mrs. C. Tumminello and her children spent Sunday with relatives and their friends in Grenada.

Mrs. W. T. Tullos, Jr., of Sunflower and Mrs. Robert Johnson of Greenwood were Friday visitors in the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Turner and their sons, John Edwin and K. noon Bailey, drove over to Lexington on Sunday and visited in the homes of Mrs. Luda B. Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Brock.

Of the five largest cities in the United States, according to the 1940 census, New York City gained in population 449,813, Chicago 8,118, Detroit 47,979, Los Angeles 258,744, while Philadelphia, the third largest, lost 15,875 in the period 1930-1940.

At the close of the civil war the national debt of the United States was \$79.44 per person.

Cyclones, hailstorms, strokes of lightning and storms at sea are 'Acts of God' in a local sense.

School Buses Make Many Miles Serving State School System

Five hundred and sixty trips around the world in eight months.

That's the mileage and distance covered by the 4,400 buses which transport Mississippi's 146,235 pupils to school each day during the school term, according to the Mississippi Education Association. The buses average 10 miles one way, or 20 miles per day. The total miles traveled per day by buses amounts to 88,000 or a distance of more than three times around the world.

During the eight-month school term, these buses travel 14,000,000 miles, or the equivalent of 560 trips around the world.

The figures also show why transportation is one of the major items in the cost of operating the public schools.

Funds being sought at the January session of the Legislature by the Mississippi Education Association for increased state aid for common schools, include the transportation item. At the present, the state appropriates only 7.8 cents a day for each of the 500,000 pupils in average attendance, of which 5.1 cents is for teacher's salaries and materials for instruction.

The objective of the M. E. A., is sufficient funds to permit a raise from \$10.23 a week for teachers to \$12.50, based on a 52-week year, or a sum much smaller than paid unskilled labor or given those on relief rolls.

President Appeals Support Seal Sales

President Roosevelt leads military, civilian defense and public health authorities in appeals for widespread and prompt support of the tuberculosis Christmas Seal campaign because of the war emergency.

"This year, above all years," said the President, "we must, and I am sure we will, faithfully observe one of our oldest, most worthy customs, giving to health through Christmas Seals."

Others making appeals are Dr. Felix J. Underwood, State Health Department, Adj. Gen. Thomas J. Grayson, Dr. Henry Boswell, of the State Sanatorium, and Col. Lea B. Robinson, of Mississippi Civilian Defense Council.

It was stated by local Christmas Seal workers that an emergency appeal is now being prepared jointly by Surgeon Gen. Ross T. McIntyre, of the U. S. Navy; Brig. Gen. Shelly U. Marietta, of the Army and Paul V. McNutt, Federal Security Administrator.

The reason for these appeals is understood by all tuberculosis workers, said Mrs. Alton Parker of the local organization, who added:

"Tuberculosis death rates have taken a serious upturn in all other countries at war. A menacing rise is reported from England, and in one of the Low Countries tuberculosis is reaching a stage not unlike the great epidemics of the Middle Ages."

"Pledged to do all in its power to prevent a similar condition here, your Tuberculosis Association appeals for quick response in the Christmas Seal sale as the best way for everybody to help."

Thanks to the cooperative effort of all those interested in the welfare of humanity, there has been a definite reduction in the number of cases and the number of deaths from tuberculosis, over the state. But even after these reductions, tuberculosis continues to cause more deaths of middle-aged persons than any other disease.

So far this year, 411 tuberculin tests and 266 X-rays have been made for the diagnosis of tuberculosis. At the present time, we have records of 40 cases of active tuberculosis in Holmes County so far this year. These cases have particularly all been found through the help of the Holmes County Tuberculosis Association.

We therefore urge that you cooperate in your usual free way in the support of this cause by buying the tuberculosis stamps. There is always an increase of tuberculosis during war-time. Your help therefore is needed more now than ever before.

Small, hailstorms, strokes of lightning and storms at sea are 'Acts of God' in a local sense.

EMORY

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stubbs, of West, were recent over-night guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Truitt.

Miss Eva Mae Rodgers, of Beatty was prized guest in the Melton Johnson home to attend the Christmas pageant, at the Baptist Church on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Marvin Cade enjoyed a visit from her sister, Miss Mary Hopkins, the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Henry with Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie Henry were up from Jackson on the Restday as guests in the L. O. Henry home.

Lexington's business circles claimed the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Johnson, Friday.

Mrs. Lynn Tate with Mr. and Mrs. Murley Tate, of West, were supper guests in the A. P. Smith's home on Sunday and enjoyed the pageant that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cox entertained the G. F. Downer's of Durant on Sunday afternoon. Twas a happy occasion when old friends met to recall past pleasures.

Mr. S. S. Truitt returned to Minter City Monday to resume his duties on the broad acres of the Wade plantation nearby, where he is a valued employee.

Mrs. L. H. Cade, Mrs. W. E. Hill, Mrs. Andrew Smith and Mrs. Roscoe Johnson were a quartette of congenial shoppers in Greenwood Monday.

On Thursday evening Miss Joy Henry entertained a few friends at a lovely party. The inclement weather prevented many of her West friends from attending.

Delightful games were enjoyed until the midnight hour when delicious refreshments, consisting of hot chocolate and sandwiches were served by the hostess and her mother.

Among prized visitors, in the community Sunday evening, to attend the pageant were noted many from Acona, as their friends and relatives were on the program. Mrs. Monroe J. Evans former popular music teacher in the Emory school, met many of her former students and old time friends who extended the glad hand of welcome, to her as one who had done much to improve this community in musical talent.

PEARL HARBOR — THEN WHAT?
By F. R. Arthus, Rt. 1 Lexington, Miss.

From our ports our boys are leaving. While their loved ones at home are grieving. As they sail across the ocean's troubled lane.

Axis powers won't have a chance When they make the big advance. We may never see their smiling faces again.

Stars and Stripes will then be free, From those pirates across the sea. For our boys have answered freedom's call.

Axis powers shall never stand, As a threat to our sweet land, For dictatorship is sure to fall.

Allied ships will then be cruising While the axis boats are snoozing. And our bombers will be putting on a show.

If axis planes fly high in the air They will find our Sammies there. Making war from old Berlin to Tokyo.

DNB will go off the air, When our pilots drop a flare. For the gunners of the Yankees never fail.

Hitler then will lose his crown, When we bomb his castle down, Then he and all barbarians will hit the trail.

American boys are in this fight, They will fight with all their might, And will prove to the world they are brave.

But if they die by steel or lead, And they bring them to us dead, We will plant a weeping willow on their grave.

Syria and The Lebanon have a population of 3,630,000, according to a 1935 census. Their combined area is 57,000 square miles.

The total vote cast for all candidates for President in 1928 was 36,879,414. In 1940 the total was 49,708,211—a gain of 12,828,797 in the intervening period.

Safety Assured for Tiny Tourists



Tiny tourists sometimes grow restless on long motor trips and their limitless energy and curiosity require double checking to insure that every safety precaution is being taken by their parents. With the entire rear compartment of the family Chevrolet as his personal playground, this youngster assumes a favorite perch that ordinarily would be dangerous. However, a simple adjustment, easily made by Chevrolet mechanics, converted the rear door handle to a safety-action handle, which "free wheels" and does not open the door. After the lock is adjusted to safety position, as indicated in the inset, the lock button is depressed and the inside handle then will not open the door, rendering it "child-proof." Release of the lock button enables the driver to open the door as usual.